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SUBJECT: US GIFT OF SNM TO IAEA FOR 1974

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1. FURTHER TO REFTEL, MISSION HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM DDG CHERNILIN ADVISING US THAT SUBSEQUENT TO AGENCY LETTER OF OCTOBER 17 REGARDING US GIFT OF SNM FOR 1974, AGENCY RECEIVED REQUEST FROM MEXICO FOR PART OF MATERIAL OFFERED.

2. MATERIAL REQUESTED, TO BE SUPPLIED UNDER MEXICAN SECOND SUPPLY AGREEMENT (INFCIRC/52/ADD.1), CONSISTS OF 18 FUEL ELEMENTS (MODEL 110, FLIP TYPE) TO BE PURCHASED BY MEXICO FROM GULF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS. SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN ADVISED BY MEXICO THAT FUEL ELEMENTS CONTAIN APPROX. 3500 GRAMS 70 PER CENT ENRICHED URANIUM AT COST APPROX. \$33,593.

3. AGENCY LETTER GOES ON TO STATE THAT SECRETARIAT INFORMED MEXICAN MISSION THAT LIST OF ELIGIBLE REQUESTS FOR 1974 GIFT MATERIAL HAS ALREADY BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRANSMITTED TO USAEC, AND THAT IT INCLUDED REQUESTS

TOTALLING CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN \$50,000. HOWEVER, MEXICAN MISSION ASKED THAT MEXICAN REQUEST BE TRANSMITTED TO US AS ADDITIONAL TO LIST ALREADY PROVIDED BY SECRETARIAT.

4. IN EVENT ALLOCATIONS OF US GIFT OFFER FOR 1974 HAVE ALREADY MOVED SO FAR ALONG IN USG INTERNAL PROCESSING AS TO PRECLUDE ADDITION OF ANOTHER ELIGIBLE REQUESTING STATE, MISSION REQUESTS THAT WE BE ADVISED TO INFORM AGENCY AND MEXICAN MISSION IN VIENNA THAT THIS IS CASE, AND SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY MEXICO BE ADVISED OF SITUATION AND ASKED TO INFORM GOM DIRECTLY OF PROBLEM OF LATE SUBMISSION, TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS AS TO REASON FOR LACK OF ALLOCATION TO MEXICO.

5. IN EVENT IT IS STILL FEASIBLE TO INCLUDE ANOTHER ELIGIBLE REQUEST, MISSION NOTES THAT MEXICO IS PARTY TO NPT AND THUS QUALIFIES IN SAME CATEGORY AS ROMANIA AND THAILAND, WHICH WE RECOMMENDED REFTTEL SPLIT 1974 GIFT BETWEEN THEM. ACCORDINGLY, OUR RECOMMENDATION, IF MEXICAN REQUEST IS STILL TIMELY ENOUGH TO BE CONSIDERED AT ALL, WOULD BE TO SIMPLY SPLIT 1974 GIFT AS EQUITABLY AS POSSIBLE THREE WAYS BETWEEN THE THREE NPT PARTIES WHO HAVE REQUESTED MATERIAL TO BE GIVEN.

6. ADVISE WHETHER MEXICAN REQUEST HAS ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR CONSIDERATION. PORTER

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